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The National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for a three-year appointment to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council). The 15-member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies and regulations required by the SDWA. This notice solicits nominations to fill six new vacancies from December 2014 through December 2017. To maintain the representation required by statute, nominees will be selected to represent: State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply (one vacancy); private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply—of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems (two vacancies); and the general public (three vacancies).

DATES: Nominations should be submitted on or before [insert date 45 days from date of

publication].

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Roy Simon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), The National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, William Jefferson Clinton East, (Mail Code 4601-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. You may also e-mail nominations with the subject line NDWACResume2014 to Simon.Roy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E-mail your questions to Roy Simon or call him at 202-564-3868.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Drinking Water Advisory Council: The Council was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Public Law 93-523, 42 U.S.C. 300j-5 and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2. The Council consists of 15 members, including a Chairperson, all of whom are appointed by the EPA's Administrator. Five members represent appropriate State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply—of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and five members represent the general public. The current list of members is available on the EPA website at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/ndwac/>.

The Council will meet in person once each year and may hold a second meeting during the year either in person or by video/teleconferencing. These meetings generally occur in the spring and fall. Additionally, members may be asked to participate in ad hoc workgroups to develop policy recommendations, advice letters and reports to address specific program issues.

Member Nominations: Any interested person and/or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. The EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the agency encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation required by the SDWA for the current vacancies: State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply (one vacancy); private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply—of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems (two vacancies with at least one associated with small, rural public water systems); and the general public (three vacancies). Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, State or local level;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication and consensus-building skills;
- Willingness to commit time to the Council and demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees;
- Absence of financial conflicts of interest;
- Absence of appearance of a lack of impartiality; and

- Background and experiences that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the Council, e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations and other considerations.

Nominations must include a resume, which provides the nominee's background, experience and educational qualifications, as well as a brief statement (one page or less) describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Council and addressing the other criteria previously described. Nominees are encouraged to provide any additional information that they feel would be useful for consideration, such as: availability to participate as a member of the Council; how the nominee's background, skills and experience would contribute to the diversity of the Council; and any concerns the nominee has regarding membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, current business address, e-mail and telephone number. Interested candidates may self-nominate. The DFO will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation (if appropriate) while attending meetings. Additionally, all selected candidates will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be required to fill out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3310-48). This confidential form provides information to the EPA ethics officials to determine whether there is a conflict between the SGE's public duties and their private interests, including an appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by Federal laws and regulations. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the "Ethics Requirements for Advisors" link on the EPA NDWAC website, <http://water.epa.gov/drink/ndwac/fact.cfm>.

Other sources, in addition to this Federal Register notice, may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees. To help the EPA in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

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Peter Grevatt, Director,
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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